

Response to the Mass Casualty Commission's Report

The Nova Scotia Regulated Health Profession Network (the Network), made up of the province's 22 health regulatory bodies, has reviewed the Mass Casualty Commission's Report related to the regulation of health professions. The Mass Casualty Commission conducted an independent public inquiry in response to the April 2020 Nova Scotia mass casualty, and produced a report entitled [*Turning the Tide Together*](#). The Report establishes a blueprint to make communities safer for all.

The Report makes 130 [recommendations](#). Recommendation C-19 addresses proactive monitoring by professional licensing bodies. The Commission recommends that professional licensing bodies proactively monitor health professionals to better ensure the safety and well-being of the public; proactively demand their accountability when patterns of professional misconduct become known to regulators; and take steps to promote awareness of complaints mechanisms. Regulators are at different stages of addressing the Report's recommendations to minimize these barriers and proactively monitor health professionals.

The Network has published information on its [website](#) to create public awareness about the complaints process, and has created a process to enable collaborative investigations to reduce the burden on those who submit complaints about health professionals on collaborative care teams. The Network acknowledges that marginalized communities face barriers to reporting concerns to regulatory bodies. Network members are committed to work together to address the Report's recommendations and will convene a meeting to identify how they will collaborate to bring consistency to how regulators respond to the Report, and to address how the Network can support regulatory bodies to address the Report's recommendations.

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